

Hello Representative Lyons,

The voter suppression bills that you are jettisoning through the legislature for voters in Michigan are highly inappropriate and as a voter in Michigan, I am expressing my displeasure with both the bills and your tactics. Please consider the following points.

- Voting is a fundamental right. When people take the time and responsibility to exercise their right to vote, we need to guarantee that their votes are counted and our voices are heard.
- Michigan has fallen behind other states in ensuring our elections are secure, accurate, and modern.
- The integrity of our elections depends on every eligible citizen being able to register and cast their vote.
- Studies show that over 21 million Americans do not possess government-issued photo ID. Moreover, historically, low-income, minorities, young, elderly, and the disabled frequently lack IDs.
- Voter impersonation fraud—the only type of fraud that strict ID requirements would prevent—is virtually nonexistent in America.
- To avoid becoming an unconstitutional poll tax on voters, IDs must be offered for free; however, “free” does not account for other significant costs that voters pay, including transportation, waiting in line, or acquiring the underlying documents (e.g., birth certificate).
- Supporters of voter ID programs often underestimate the administrative costs. In addition to the cost of providing IDs to those who cannot afford them, a meaningful public education effort is necessary. This includes, among other things, direct mailings, advertisements, and additional trainings for poll workers.

Concerned citizen and MI voter,

Margaret Mrdeza

Hello,

I am writing to oppose House Bills 6066, 6067 and 6068 that require photo IDs to vote. As a public health nurse who works with low-income pregnant women in Kalamazoo and Kent County, I know that many American citizens face significant barriers to obtaining a photo ID. I also believe the research that has shown that voter fraud by non-citizens is not a significant problem facing our nation. I believe these bills would hurt poor people and our democracy. Please do not allow these bills to go to a vote.

Carrie Knowlton

Kalamazoo

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Brianna Zamborsky <briannazamborsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:21 AM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: Wednesday 10:30 am Hearing

Dear Malika Abdul-Basir,

I'm writing to register my opposition to the package of voter suppression bills being introduced in committee this morning. Our leaders need to be making it easier for Michigan citizens to vote, not more difficult, and the voices of the disabled, poor, elderly, and minority need to be heard. The spirit of these bills is unconstitutional.

Thanks for taking the time to hear MY voice.

Sincerely,

Brianna Zamborsky

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Weingarden, Meredith <WeingardenM@CTT.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:31 AM
To: Rep. Lisa Lyons
Cc: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: HB 6066, 6067, 6068

Dear Representative Lyons,

I am writing to express my opposition to the legislation you have introduced that would result in voter suppression.

Voting is a fundamental right. When people take the time and responsibility to exercise their right to vote, we need to guarantee that their votes are counted and our voices are heard.

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Supporters of voter ID programs often underestimate the administrative costs. In addition to the cost of providing IDs to those who cannot afford them, a meaningful public education effort is necessary. This includes, among other things, direct mailings, advertisements, and additional trainings for poll workers.

I respectfully request that you abandon this proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

Meredith H. Weingarden

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Malika Abdul-Basir

From: lissa engleman <lissa@witandcraft.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:56 AM
To: Rep. Eric Leutheuser (District 58); Rep. Brad Jacobsen; Rep. Aric Nesbitt Office (District 66); Rep. Klint Kesto (District 39); Rep. Gretchen Driskell (District 52); Rep. Jeff Irwin; Rep. Jon Hoadley (District 60); Rep. Lisa Lyons
Cc: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: Voter ID Bills
Importance: High

Dear Representatives,

I write to urge your opposition of the new Voter ID bills being presented to the committee this morning. I strongly oppose any legislation that places undue burden on Michigan citizens to cast their votes.

Thank you.

Lissa Engleman
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Malika Abdul-Basir


From: Clerk <clerk@brightontwp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir; Rep. Lisa Lyons
Cc: Bill Zaagman
Subject: HB 6066

I am writing opposing HB 6066 which would change the process for voter identification, specifically eliminating the affidavit for voters not in possession of a photo id. Requiring these voters to file a provisional ballot does not add to the integrity of elections in our great State. It will add to further administrative errors and potentially lead to extended canvassing of elections. This should be a particular concern for county clerks and in light of our impending statewide recount. Please submit my comments for testimony to the committee at its upcoming meeting.

In advance, thank you for your consideration.
God bless America!

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Malika Abdul-Basir

 **From:** Cami Estep <cami.estep@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:17 AM
To: Rep. Lisa Lyons; Rep. Eric Leutheuser (District 58); Rep. Brad Jacobsen; Rep. Aric Nesbitt
Office (District 66); Rep. Klint Kesto (District 39); Rep. Gretchen Driskell (District 52); Rep.
Jeff Irwin; Rep. Jon Hoadley (District 60)
Cc: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: Package of voter bills being discussed at 10:30 hearing today

Dear Committee members,

I am extremely displeased with the package of bills introduced last night for discussion today.

The right to vote is the heart of our democracy and anything that makes it more difficult should be avoided. The thought that an eligible voter could be denied the right to vote because of paperwork, logistics or the inability to find time away from work and obligations to tackle those logistics should be reprehensible to you. It is to me.

Many studies have shown that voter fraud is miniscule. You are fighting a non-issue.

Please vote no on these bills. Thank you for your time.

Cami Estep
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Kristina Johnson <akristinaj@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO ON VOTER ID BILLS

Dear Clerk Mabdul,

I have requested that everyone vote NO on the voter ID bills.

Thank you,

Kristina Johnson

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Jennifer Steiner <jensteiner33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Rep. Lisa Lyons; Rep. Eric Leutheuser (District 58); Rep. Brad Jacobsen; Rep. Aric Nesbitt
Office (District 66); Rep. Klint Kesto (District 39); Rep. Jon Hoadley (District 60); Rep. Jeff
Irwin; Rep. Gretchen Driskell (District 52)
Cc: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: Vote NO on HB 6066, HB 6067, and HB 6068

Hello all,
I am a resident of East Grand Rapids and I am emailing to ask you to please vote NO on
voter suppression bills HB 6066, HB 6067, and HB 6068 (sponsored by Rep. Lyons).

Kind regards,
Dr. Jennifer Steiner

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Julianne Day <julianne.day@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: HB 6066, 6067, 6068

Dear Clerk Abdul-Basir:

I am contacting you in order to register my strenuous opposition to HB 6066, HB 6067, and HB 6068.

These bills are, to my mind, a fairly naked attempt at voter suppression, designed to create obstacles for easy voting access, particularly to those populations (the poor, the disabled, minorities, those lacking individual transportation, etc.) who are most likely to find voting an already burdensome process.

The good people of Michigan are watching and noting which of their representatives are disregarding the responsibility of ensuring fair and free elections. The integrity of our elections rests on our ability to grant a say to ALL entitled citizens, not just a select few.

The three bills mentioned should die a quick and ignominious death. In order to ensure the integrity of our electoral process and the legitimacy of decisions so-made, I'd recommend the committee concentrate on the following, instead: 1) instituting no-reason absentee voting, 2) expanding in-person early voting, and 3) pursuing online voter registration.

Yours very sincerely,

Julianne Day

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Connie Rabon <dcrabon@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:26 AM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: Voter suppression house bills

To Representative Lyon et al,

Please let it be known that I am requesting the congress to vote no to HB 6066, 6067, and 6068. These bills promote voter suppression. Voting is a Constitutional right and bills such as these undermine that right.

Respectfully Submitted,
Constance Rabon

Sent from my iPhone

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Rebecca La Duca <rebecca.la.duca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Rep. Lisa Lyons; Rep. Eric Leutheuser (District 58); Rep. Brad Jacobsen; Rep. Klint Kesto (District 39)
Cc: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: HB 6066, 6067, 6068

Dear Committee members,

I have already written my current and past Representatives on this matter , given our established relationship(s). I object to these bills in total. Given the short turnaround to introduction in hearing I assume these are expedited today, so I am writing to voice my strong objection on the record. Please let me know what I can do.

I've already left a voicemail for the committee clerk letting her know of my intention to write the Committee regarding this matter.

Regards,

Rebecca LaDuca

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Jen Brown <jen.b.brown@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Rep. Lisa Lyons; Rep. Eric Leutheuser (District 58); Rep. Brad Jacobsen; Rep. Klint Kesto (District 39)
Cc: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: HB 6066-6068

Dear Representatives,

As you well know, what makes our democracy strong and supported by the population is the ability to have our voices heard when decisions need to be made about laws and leadership. As such, our primary goal should be to see that as many citizens as possible participate in the process and in our elections. For this reason, it is vital that we seek ways to make voting easier for our citizens vs. putting up barriers and obstacles for those individuals who already struggle to find the time and resources to make it to the polls.

For that reason, the recent bills HB 6066-6068, run contrary to the goals of our society. In fact, they play into the very fears that risk delegitimizing our voting process and our democracy. There is no widespread voter fraud, despite the cries of our president-elect. Instead, what these bills do is infringe upon our ability to hold free and fair elections accessible to all citizens, included those who struggle the most, whose voices most need and deserved to be heard.

Therefore, I am writing today to request that you vote no on the bills and stop them where they are. Our citizens need access to the polls. As our leaders, it is your responsibility to see that they get that access.

Thank you.

Jennifer Brown

Malika Abdul-Basir

From: Michael Sedlak <Michael.Sedlak@greenoaktwp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 11:39 AM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: HB 6066, HB6067, HB6068

Good morning, As a 16 year township clerk HB6066 and HB6067 do not provide a solution for a problem only create more cost, problems and further erode the voting secrecy. Please do not pass these bills.

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